Building A Better World

Central United Methodist Church in Newberry was the site for this year’s Greenwood District Officers Training Event that was held on January 20. The fifty attendees focused on “Building A Better World”. Guest speaker, Rev. David Surret, (left) did an excellent job of teaching how to do just that. Also shown above are: Ada Charles, Central UMW President, and Harriet Creswell.

Those who attended the Officers Training Event were greeted with a smile and a delicious continental breakfast. The ladies above from Central UMC in Newberry were on hand and did an outstanding job as hostesses that day. Thanks to all! (Left to right): Rachel Lester, Winnie Senn, Roz Wilson, Hannah Davis, Audrey Henry, Peggy Berley, Judy Epps, Lucy Brown.
New Year's Day Welcome

By Harriet Creswell, President, Greenwood District UMW

The year of 2018 is off to a good start!

Our Local Unit Officers Training was held at Central UMC in Newberry on January 20. A total of 50 women were in attendance, representing 19 churches. Thank you to Ada Charles, United Methodist Women president, Rev. David Surrett, and everyone at Central for hosting the event. We were inspired by Central’s beautiful sanctuary, as well as by the words of Rev. Surrett, on the topic of Building a Better World.

Thank you to our new District Executive Committee officers. We have several new officers this year. You will want to check out the officers’ list to get new contact information for them. If you have a desire to serve the United Methodist Women as an officer, let our new Nominations Chair, Susan Botts Petty, know. Marcia Miller is our new District Treasurer; please begin sending your pledges and other money to her.

We will no longer be mailing the News-a-Plenty. If you desire to keep up with the news of the Greenwood District, you will need to find it online. If you have an e-mail address, please let Linda Kidd know; she will be glad to send it to you. It is important to know what’s going on in our district and conference.

Our next event is Day Apart. This will be held at Zion United Methodist Church in Prosperity on March 10. Registration will begin at 9:30 am. Please plan to come and bring a donation to Wallace Family Life Center. Kevin Long, administrator of Wallace Family Life Center, will be our guest speaker and will tell you everything you want to know about Wallace Family Life Center, one of our mission projects.

Our district quilt project is underway. We have received some beautiful squares so far. Make sure your church is represented. The final day we will be accepting squares is March 10 at Day Apart.

As you enter the Lenten season, it is important to reflect upon your lives as Christians, examine yourselves, and determine how you can best give of yourselves to others. It is a perfect time to think about how you can serve in your church and its organizations. Service to United Methodist Women is one of the best ways to do so. Think about it.

Remember that all you do as a unit reflects upon the organization of United Methodist Women. Continue to commit yourselves to putting faith, hope, and love in action.

Harriet

News from District Vice President

By Carol Marse, Vice President, Greenwood District UMW

I hope you are having a good year so far! It was good to see those who could attend our Local Unit Officers Training at Central United Methodist Church in Newberry on January 20. We thank the ladies of Central for their wonderful hospitality.

The next two events coming up are Legislative Advocacy Day at Epworth on February 20 and the District Day Apart that will be March 10 at Zion UMC in Prosperity. I hope your UMW units will be represented at these.

Carol
Greenwood District United Methodist Women
Annual Day Apart

“Freely, Freely Give”
Saturday, March 10, 2018
Zion United Methodist Church
80 Zion Circle, Prosperity, SC 29127
Phone: 803-364-3797
Speaker: Kevin Long, Administrator, Wallace Family Life Center
Registration begins at 9:30 AM, Assembly at 10 AM
Please Bring Needs List Items for Wallace Family Life Center

Greenwood District UMW Annual Meeting
Saturday, September 22, 2018
Wightman United Methodist Church, Prosperity, SC
Mark Your Calendars—More Details to Follow in June News A Plenty
Legislative Advocacy Day 2018
“Can’t You Hear Their Cry”
Epworth Children’s Home, Columbia, SC
Tuesday, February 20, 2018  (Weather make-up day Feb. 27)
“If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered.”
Proverbs 21:13

Come Together, Be Together
Woodland UMC, Rock Hill, SC
June 23, 2018
Mark Your Calendars and Plan to Attend

News from Education & Interpretation
By Mary Lynn Polk, Greenwood District E & I Coordinator
I want to thank all the UMW units of the Greenwood District for all you have done for missions in the year 2017 and especially for your support of our five Conference Mission projects: Spartanburg Bethlehem Center, Columbia Bethlehem Center; Killingsworth Home; John’s Island Rural Missions; and Wallace Family Life Center. I also thank you for what you plan to do in 2018!

If you would like to see listings of needs for all of these facilities, I encourage you to check the December 2017 issue of Mission Echo on the SC Conference UMC website under United Methodist Women. You will find the needs lists on pages 15, 16, and 17 of that issue. I have highlighted these to members of my local unit and encourage you to do the same. I also encourage you to look back at your last year’s forms you submitted for Annual Meeting awards (Mission Today, Diamond Unit, etc.) and make copies of them to use during the course of this year to make you mindful of your accomplishments and you can check the tasks off as you accomplish them—this will make your fall reporting much easier!

Mary Lynn

Important Reminder from Membership-Nurture-Outreach
By Wilma Doyle, M-N-O Coordinator
Ladies, please remember to complete the online UMW membership census for your unit at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2017--the deadline for doing this is March 30. Please do this so that we can have a more accurate reflection of our total UMW membership. Thank you!

Remember: Be Counted!  

Wilma
Social Action Update

By Mary Ann Bayer, Social Action Coordinator

I wanted to make you aware of the information below as you do your unit’s planning for this year:

Last year, the Social Action goals that units use in working toward their Charter for Racial Justice Diamond Unit recognition were revised as indicated below. The form to be completed and submitted in order to receive this recognition at this year’s Annual Meeting in September will be published in the June issue of *News A Plenty*.

1. Encourage EACH local unit to select a Social Action Coordinator or contact person.
2. Encourage local units to increase awareness and understanding of true racial justice by implementing the Charter for Racial Justice and Racial Justice Diamond Units.
3. Encourage districts and local units to become informed, to advocate, and to distribute information on AT LEAST ONE SOCIAL ACTION ISSUE, including but not limited to, issues of Poverty, Health Care for All, Racial Justice, Safety, Climate Justice, Immigration, Mental Illness, Human Trafficking, or Mass Incarceration.
4. Support public schools with visibility and advocate for both quality public schools and adequate funding.
5. Fulfill the purpose of UMW by developing a supportive, creative fellowship practicing Ubuntu (acts of kindness and compassion).
6. Share the positive news of UMW actions toward social justice in local media and in District and Conference UMW publications.

Mary Ann

Legacy Fund Update

It is *good news* to report for the Legacy Fund. Thanks to the generosity of our many faithful members the Legacy Fund is on its way to meeting the $60 million dollar goal set for 2019. The fund now has $19.1 million dollars. Awesome news!

United Methodist Women National sends a quarterly report. Let me share more good news. As of August 31, 2017 SCCUMW had donated $17,882.70 to the Legacy Fund. Of this figure $9,263.86 was contributed in 2017. And 2017 was not over at that time. Thank you all for promoting this and having our conference participate in such a big way. The time for applause is now!

A new opportunity to support the Legacy Fund and wear new jewelry is now available. Limited –Edition 150th Anniversary Jewelry is available for purchase. A beautiful 150 pendant and necklace chain with the colorful 150th anniversary logo in soft enamel is available for $50. A new 150th-anniversary Special Mission Recognition Pin, with 22 karat gold plating is aptly priced at $150. All proceeds go to support the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign. Order both pieces (pictured above) at the online store www.umwmissionresources.org. Order by calling the Mission Resource Center at #1-800-305-9857.

Your South Carolina Conference Legacy Fund Liaison, Cathy Ford
Greenwood District United Methodist Women

2018-2019 Calendar of Events

February, 2018—News-A-Plenty Articles Due
February, 2018—Special Emphasis Month—Wallace Family Life Center
February 11, 2018—Executive Committee Meeting— Main Street UMC, Greenwood, SC
February 20, 2018—Legislative Advocacy Day—Epworth Children’s Home, Columbia, SC
March, 2018—Special Emphasis Month—Rural Missions, John’s Island
March 10, 2018—Greenwood District Day Apart - Zion UMC, Prosperity, SC
April, 2018—Special Emphasis Month—Bethlehem Center, Columbia
April 27-28, 2018—Spiritual Growth Retreat, Lake Junaluska, NC
May 18-20, 2018—UMW Assembly, Columbus, OH
June 23, 2018—Come Together, Be Together—Woodland UMC, Rock Hill, SC
June, 2018—News-A-Plenty Articles Due
July 26-28, 2018—Mission u, Spartanburg Methodist College
August, 2018—News-A-Plenty Articles Due
August 12, 2018—Executive Committee Meeting—Main Street UMC, Greenwood, SC
September, 2018—Special Emphasis Month—Killingsworth Home
September 22, 2018—Greenwood District UMW Annual Meeting-Wightman UMC, Prosperity, SC
October, 2018—Special Emphasis Month—Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg
October 26-27, 2018- SCCUMW Annual Meeting, Central UMC, Florence, SC
December, 2018—News-A-Plenty Articles Due
January, 2019—Greenwood District Officers’ Training Event, Broad Street UMC, Clinton, SC (Tentative)
March 2, 2019—Greenwood District Day Apart, Troy UMC, Troy, SC
September 28, 2019—Greenwood District Annual Meeting, McCormick UMC, McCormick, SC
Local Officers in Greenwood District Learn to Build a Better World Together!
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Aldersgate United Methodist Women from Charleston, SC visited Wallace Family Life Center on December 15, 2017. They brought all kinds of goodies for WFLC’s After School Educational Enrichment Program participants to choose from for their family members. The children enjoyed listening to the UMW read stories of Christmas and eating the wonderful selections of snacks they provided. Each child selected gifts from a wide variety of items for each one of their immediate family members. This is a Christmas tradition for the women of Aldersgate UMC.

Wallace Family Life Center looks forward to this visit each year and encourages all United Methodist Women from South Carolina to visit.

Submitted by,
Linda Sanders, WFLC Program Coordinator
Dear Sisters in Christ,

It is my honor to serve you as your Spiritual Growth Coordinator for the South Carolina United Methodist Women’s Conference. In this New Year, I look forward to the fellowship we will have together in 2018. Over the years my time with this organization has grown my faith, taught me the power of the Methodist Women’s voices while giving me the opportunity to meet others from different backgrounds. How fortunate we are to have each other knowing we will support and love one another as Christ has directed.

We Mighty Methodist Women have work to do in our state, in our country, and in our world. Our events throughout the year equip us to become part of the solution to the obstacles so many women, children, and youth face. One of my favorite United Methodist Women events is the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska. This beautiful setting offers a chance to reflect, recharge, and open our minds and hearts to seek and hear God through our speakers’ message, music, prayers, fellowship and nature. I am thankful to be part of the planning of this annual event. We extend this invitation to you and your friends and family to come experience this meeting at the lake April 27-28th. You will find the registration form on page 11 of this newsletter.

Blessings to you and those you hold dear,

Caron Cooper, SCCUMW Spiritual Growth Retreat Coordinator

Colossians 3:15-17 The Message (MSG) Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ—the Message—have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.

Photos from Officers Training Event Below: (Left) Barbara Gates, Program Resources Coordinator, was on hand to handle resource needs for attendants. (Right) Greenwood District UMW units brought their beautiful quilt squares depicting their churches for quilt to be on display at this year’s Annual Conference.
2018 Spiritual Growth Retreat Registration Form
South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women

April 27-28, 2018
Speaker: Rev. Fran Elrod
THEME: “It’s ALL About Grace”

Name (please print name as you wish it to appear on nametag)

Address___________________________________________City___________________________zip__________

Phone #____________________________District_________________________Church______________________

Email address_____________________________________________________________

Check all of the following that apply:

_____First time     _____Under 40     _____NOT staying at the Lake Junaluska Conference Center

Registration deadline is April 15, 2018  Registration FEE is $10

Registration fee is $20 if commuting (not staying at Lake Junaluska Conference Center)

Registrations filed April 16 or later- FEE is $15 Make check out to: SCCUMW

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Send Registration along with fee to: Susan Smith, 110 Shady Creek Court, Greer, SC  29650. For questions, contact Susan at 864-270-0598.

*****YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATION*****

Call 800-222-4930 for hotel reservations

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** The Room Rate covers all guests sleeping room costs per night, including service fees but is exclusive of applicable sales/room tax, currently eleven percent (11%). Housekeeping gratuities will be at guest discretion

FRIDAY
APRIL 27
Registration in Bethea Welcome Center from 1 pm—4 pm
After 4 pm
Registration in Stuart Auditorium

DIRECTIONS
Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center
91 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Junaluska, NC  28745

- From I-40, take exit 27 onto US 19-23.
- Drive 3-4 miles. DO NOT take exit 104—it is easy to get lost.
- Take exit 103 and drive about 1 mile until you see Lake Junaluska. Conference and Retreat Center from entrance gates on the right.
- Bear right and follow the main road to the Bethea Welcome Center.

Visit www.lakejunaluska.com/directions/ for more info.
The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE IS TO KNOW GOD and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive, fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.